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## Restitution and Reconciliation

BY EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

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"And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold."—Luke 19:8.

"Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."—Matthew 5:23, 24.

I bring you again today a message on steps toward revival. Another step toward revival is being reconciled to your brother. Zacchaeus, that little rich man up a tree, slid down the tree and before he hit the ground, he was saved. When he talked to Jesus he said, "Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." That is the way he got rich, you know. He was a crooked tax collector. He said, "To everybody have crooked, I am going to restore fourfold." With that in mind, turn to Matthew, chapter 5, verses 23 and 24:

"Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother,

and then come and offer thy gift."

### The Gift of Service Which God Refuses

My friends, I will tell you a mighty good way to get right with God. First of all say, "By the grace of God, I will get right with men." I am talking primarily to Christians who have something between yourself and God; where you do not have the power and blessing that God wants a Christian to have. You do not have revival fires. You do not have the power to win souls. People do not listen to your testimony. Then the thing for you to do is to get right with people.

Churches are full of a lot of you who like to sing in the choir. And if you would listen, God would talk plainly to you and He would say, "Shut your trap. I do not

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## THE ETERNAL CHRIST

By REV. WILLIAM E. TROUP, Pastor  
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Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last" (Revelation 22:13).

Time that affects all things below

Can never change the One we know.

In Greek the Lord Jesus Christ is the Alpha and Omega. In Hebrew, He is the Aleph and Tau. In English, He is the A and Z. He is the Beginning and the

Ending; the First and the Last. He is everything. Not only is He the A and Z, but everything between.

Some one has suggested that Christ is the Divine Alphabet of the Father, containing every letter, every word, every numeral, every thought, every sound, every color and expression which the Father has given in creation and redemption.

How comforting in view of the sudden and drastic changes that are taking place all about us, that there is one thing that is unchanging and unchangeable.

How many of us go back to the old communities in which we were born and reared, only to find that time, decay, and new residents have played havoc with the scenes of our childhood dreams! Scarcely anything that could be changed remains the same as it was in those happy, carefree days of years ago.

Friendships change. The friends of high school and college days have passed on, or have taken up residence elsewhere until now there is scarcely anyone any longer in our friendship circle; new friends and acquaintances have been made to take their places.

In many a family circle where these lines are read, there are empty places and also new faces.

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## The Miracle of Calvary

By REV. BOB JONES, Sr., D.D., LL.D.

(Preached at Arena, Chicago, May 9, 1946, in city-wide Life Begins revival campaign. Mechanically recorded for the SWORD OF THE LORD.)

"And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on his right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them, derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God. And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, and saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself. And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest unto thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."—Luke 23:33-43.

I call your attention to all these verses but especially to these two: "And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

When Jesus Christ was in this world a man came to Him one day and said, "Good Master."

Jesus asked, "Why do you call Me good? There is only One who is good and that is God." In other words, Jesus said, "If I am not God, I am not good." If Jesus was not God, He was not good. If He was not God, He was the greatest impostor the world ever knew. He was either God or a terrible blasphemer.

Now, He was God. I know He was God. Nobody but God could do for me what Jesus Christ did when He saved me. I did not need any theologian to tell me I had met God when I was saved. I knew I had met God. Any sinner who has met Jesus Christ and trusted Him for salvation, knows he has met God. He may not understand some things, but the man who doubts the deity of Jesus Christ has never been born again. You can put that down in your book and let it stay there. The man who questions the deity of Jesus Christ, does not know Jesus Christ, and the man

who denies His deity has never been born again. People tell us this is a scientific age. They say, "Let's make experiments." All right, if you wonder who Jesus is, why don't you make an experiment? Turn yourself over to Him and you can find out who He is. He is none other than the Son of God.

### Jesus, a Miracle-Worker

Now, since He was God it is not surprising that He had power to do everything He did. There were many things in His life which took place in a rather strange way. It was strange about His birth and the lowly place He held in a manger. It was strange how Jesus Christ, a little baby, was God manifest in the flesh. It was strange how He sat in the temple as a youth at the age of twelve talking to doctors of the law. It was strange about His baptism in Jordan. It was strange just how the Devil came to Him in the wilderness, on the mountaintop, and on the pinnacle of the temple. It was



Dr. Bob Jones

strange how with wonderful simplicity the God of this universe, manifest in human flesh, went about making the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the dumb to speak; curing the palsy, cleansing the leper and raising the dead. And, young people, let me tell you this in passing: simplicity is truth's most becoming garb. Do not ever get beyond the simple. Yes, it was wonderful how He did all of these things. But, men and women, to my mind,

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## Restitution and Reconciliation

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want you singing around in the choir when you have not paid your honest debts; you are not right with your neighbors and friends." Some of you go to church, and how fine you feel! There is a warm feeling when you put your half dollar or your quarter into the collection plate, and you feel like Little Jack Horner who put in his thumb, pulled out a plum and said, "What a good boy am I!" You think that is wonderful. But if you could hear God talk, He would say, "Keep your dirty, filthy money. I am not broke. I am not poor. I do not need it. I do not want anything you have until you get right with your neighbor, with your brother, or with your friend."

The Lord said, "Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." I think there are many of us preachers to whom God would say, if we would only listen: "I do not need your kind of ministry. I do not need the kind of preaching you do. Until you go get right with those you have wronged, I cannot use you."

When I go for revivals all over the country I find when I say to a grocer, for instance, "Come out to the service. We want you. I would like to have you come hear me preach," he says, "Well, if that bunch of hypocrites would get right down there, I wouldn't mind going." Then when I try to protect the people of God and the churches and offer some defense he says, "If you would see my books, you would see that I have accounts against members of that church here who never pay their bills." Doctors tell me that; dentists tell me that; the credit grocers tell me that. You just as well put it down, that if you are going to get along with God, you had better first get along with men. "Go be reconciled to thy brother and then come and offer thy gift."

### Go the Extra Mile, Give the Coat with the Cloke, to Be Reconciled

In the same passage and talking about the same matter, in the same fifth chapter of Matthew where Jesus is talking about a

Christian keeping the righteousness of the law, He said, "Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth; stripe for stripe and burning for burning." He said, "You have heard that said, but I say to you that if a man goes to law to compel you to give him your cloke, give him your coat also." You remember the rule was that if you had your neighbor's cloke, you were not to let the sun go down until you took it home, because the poor fellow might not have a covering for the night. Take it home; don't withhold it, God said, if you took it for a pledge. Jesus said, "If thy brother go to law to take thy cloke, give him your coat also. And if he says, I carried your burden a mile, or, I gave you so many days' work on your crop; you ought to give me so many days' work on mine—if he compels you to go a mile, go with him two. Make it right." If you are to get along with God, you have to get along with men. The Bible tells us, "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen." Christians need to get right.

### God's Grace Makes One Want to Do Right and Make Restitution

Up and down this land people say to me, "I have sinned, but it is all under the blood." When I was a boy in the cow country in west Texas, a man came in to a very poor farm. He lived there and tried to raise a crop, but he didn't make very much. He had a big family and had to buy lots of groceries. The custom was that they would buy groceries until the cotton crop matured, then when the first bales of cotton were sold, the man would go in and pay the bill. A good grocer would sometimes carry on his own credit a man for nearly a whole year's time.

This man mentioned above got a good chance to sell out his cotton crop in the bolls in the fields before it was picked, so he sold the whole field and moved out of the community. He sent word to the grocerman, "Tell Bob Bellah that Jesus paid it all." Well, that is no sign that you are a good Christian, that Jesus paid it all, when the man who claimed to be a Christian cheated another out of an honest debt he had honestly owed.

I know people who say, "I know I had been terribly wrong back yonder before I was saved." Oh, yes, my friend, but grace does not mean that God is taking up for you. Grace does not mean that God doesn't want you to do right. Romans 8:4 says, "That righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." The Bible makes it clear that we who have the Spirit of God do by grace the deeds of the law. This is New Testament. This is Jesus Christ talking. He said, "If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."

Do you know why a lot of people have no confidence in prayer? I will tell you why. You have already insulted your prayer. God wouldn't hear your prayer. Your prayers many times are an abomination to God. His ears are not open. God's face is not toward you. He won't hear. Leave your gift there, God says.

I can imagine a man brings a lamb. It is a lovely lamb. He says, "I am glad to bring this. This represents my love for God, and I want to offer this lamb as a token of my love." But the Lord says, "I don't want it yet. Lay it down. Leave it there. Go be reconciled to your brother."

The man says, "Lord, this not only represents my love, but this represents also my faith. For in the blood of this lamb that will flow out and stain the ground here, I see the blood of Calvary, the

Lamb of God who died for the sins of the world. This represents my faith."

But God says, "Never mind; tie the lamb's legs together, lay it down there before the altar, and go be reconciled to your brother before you give Me anything."

God does not want your love. God does not want your faith (I am talking about your doctrinal faith now)—God does not want anything you have if it has to come with a dirty, rebellious heart that is wrong with somebody else. No, my friend, go make things right first; go get right with others first.

God's plan is here in the matter of money. Here is Zacchaeus in the law, rich. Wouldn't it be wonderful if Zacchaeus could slide down that sycamore tree and say, "All right, Jesus, come home with me for dinner. I will have a big dinner. We will have lots of good things. I got it from poor widows and orphans whom I made false accusations against. The Roman soldiers helped me to conscript it, take it away. I have lots of good things at my house. I would like to have you come and sleep on soft beds and eat nice food and drink the finest wine. I got it all by extortion from poor people. Jesus, and I am going to keep it all. I love you and that was all before I was converted. I think that is all under the blood and I won't pay any of that back." Do you think the Lord Jesus would be glad to go as a welcome guest to that home? No! Oh, no!

But something really happened to Zacchaeus that day. I believe he was saved. It doesn't take any argument; he doesn't have to sign a statement of faith; he doesn't have to go before a probation committee of the church. I believe in this man's salvation when he cried out "Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." He said, "I will make it good, Lord. I am sorry for all the wrong I have done. To show you I am sorry, I am going to make it right. No one is going to have a right to say that Zacchaeus did not treat him right after this. Lord, I have faith." I believe in that man's salvation, don't you? A man who is saved ought to make things right.

### God Does Not Answer the Prayer of One Continuing Willfully in Sin

Several years ago I was broadcasting on a radio station in Dallas, Texas. A very strange letter came to me from Clifton, Texas, as I recall. A storekeeper wrote and said something like this: "Dear Brother Rice: Enclosed is my check for \$10.00. I will tell you how I got it. A man came in the other day who had owed me money for over ten years. He had moved out of the community and I had written it off, charged it to profit and loss. I thought I would never get that, but he came in the other day and I planked down the whole \$25.00, paying the bill in full."

"I said, 'My, my, I never expected to get that money.'"

"And the man said, 'No, sir, and I never expected to pay it. But I have been listening to Brother John Rice over the radio. I have children unsaved. I need God in my business and in my home. I have got to get so I can pray and get my prayers answered. Brother Rice said I never would if I didn't pay my honest debts and make things right. Now I have come in to pay the \$25.00.'"

The merchant's letter continued: "I am sending \$5.00 to a good Methodist pastor. I heard him preach that if one is saved he ought to do right about paying debts. I am sending \$10.00 to you. And if I ever hear another preacher preach that way I will give him the other \$10.00. I don't think I ought to have it myself."

My friends, what I am saying is you had just as well face this fact; you are not going to get anywhere with God unless you make things right with your neighbor. That is right. You need to pay your honest bills.

I was in a certain city in a Northern state four years ago. A woman in terrible distress of mind came to me. I said, "Are you saved?"

She said, "I don't know."

"Why don't you know?"

"All I know," she said, "is for fourteen years every time I have tried to pray, God has said, 'What are you going to do about that \$800?'"

I said, "What about the \$800?"

She told me that after her husband had died and left her a widow, she had burned down the little house she had lived in, to collect the \$800 insurance. And now, like a tormenting coal of fire, it burned her conscience every day. God would never talk to her about anything but that, and she had not had any peace of mind. She said, "If I went and confessed it, I would go to jail."

I said, "Yes, maybe you would and maybe you wouldn't. But God would hear you pray in jail and He does not hear you now." That is right.

In a city in Michigan I was again in revival services. A woman wrote me a note and said, "How did you know I was here last night? How did you know what I had done? How did you know that I had stolen that jewelry? I have been in misery eight years about it. What can I do?"

I said, "I don't need to tell you what to do. God has already told you and you had better do it."

So after a long struggle, at three o'clock in the morning she said, "You old Devil, you have stolen eight years of my happiness. You will never steal any more of it! Since you don't want to tell anybody, since you don't want me to confess it, I will go to the Chief of Police himself and confess it tomorrow morning. I will have a detective go to every pawn shop with me and see if we can find it. I will tell everybody about it who is interested in that matter. Now, you old Devil," she said, "you have had the last day of my life that you are going to have. I am going to be tomorrow so I can pray and God will hear me."

So she did. She went to the Chief of Police and he sent a detective with her. She told the detective, she told the pawn shop keepers, and then she told the woman she had stolen from and set out to pay the price of the stolen jewelry back dollar by dollar every payday. She wrote me and said, "Oh, I thought I would be ruined, but the woman from whom I stole understands and loves and has forgiven me, and best of all, I have the peace I have lacked for eight long years."

Go be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

### Before You Pray Remember the Preacher You Talked About!

I don't know who you ought to be reconciled to. Sometimes there are bitter sharp words that you ought to undo. Maybe you have talked about your pastor, maybe somebody else.

You know the story don't you, about a woman who slandered a pastor. You know it is always open season on preachers. There are closed seasons on pickerel and bass; there are closed seasons on deer, bear and quails, but it is always open season on preachers, for anybody who wants to take a crack. Go ahead if you can; break down the influence of some man of God. Go ahead if you can; make it so nobody will listen to him preach. Go ahead, but you poor old, dirty hypocrite, you are going to meet God on that matter! A woman talked about a preacher one day, slandered him. Then she was distressed. Her conscience gave her no peace. She went to the pastor whose heart was all broken. She said, "Pastor, now what can I do?"

"Oh," he said, "I don't think you can undo it."

She said, "But I will do anything in the world you say."

"All right," he said, "I want you to go down to the corner, down by the Court house, right down on the corner in the main part of town and I want you to take a feather pillow with you, a pillow filled with goose feathers, and I want you to rip it open and shake it out to the wind. Will you do that?"

"Yes, I will do it if you say so. I don't understand why."

"All right, go ahead and do it," he said.

And she did. Then she came

back and said, "Now pastor, what shall I do?"

"Well," he said, "if you want to undo all the harm you have done, now go and gather up all the feathers."

"Oh," she said, "but I can't do that."

"No," he said, "you can't."

That is true, you can't do it. But I will tell you what you can do. If you are an honest Christian in your heart, you will go with an humble, contrite heart and make confession. You will make confession to those you have talked about, confession to those you have talked to, and with a humble, contrite heart, with tears and with earnest lamentation, will repent of the sins you committed. I will tell you now, Christians cannot get along with God except as they make friends with those they have wronged. No they won't.

I don't know who you are today, nor who it is who hears me nor what it is that stands between you and God. Oh, turn from that sin today!

### Genuine Repentance Takes Enmity From the Heart

I talked to a man in west Texas who came to me one time and said, "I can't be a Christian." I said, "Why not?" "Because on my father's death bed he made me swear an oath and I did swear that I would kill a certain man, his enemy. I swore I would kill him. I have been getting ready to do it. I can't be a Christian." I showed him how that was true; until he made up his mind he would renounce that wicked, heinous oath that the Devil put into his heart, until he did that he could not be a Christian. Thank God he repented, left his gun with the pastor and went away saved, happy. How many people have left six-shooters and whisky bottles and their packages of cigarettes and playing card packs with Godly evangelists.

I will tell you, I believe in the kind of penitence that means a genuine heart-change toward sin. That is right. You say, "I can't change my heart toward somebody." No, but you can confess the blackness and the wickedness of it, and you can do what you can to make it right. Then only God can make it right in your heart. But you can turn, the best you know, in confession and lamentation for your sin and do what you can to pay back. "If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."

You remember when the jailor was converted in Acts, chapter 16. You are not thinking about what I am thinking about. You are thinking about that wonderful text, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." But I will tell you one of the most exciting things in that account is this, that the jailor, when he got saved, washed their stripes and said, "Paul and Silas, I am to blame that these stripes cut into your flesh and for the tearing off of your shirts and your being put in this dungeon without any food." Then he washed their stripes. We need some washing of stripes around here and God will hear us pray; then we can have a revival.

Some one says, "Well, who am I wrong with?" Well, maybe the one you need to apologize to is

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## The Eternal Christ

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The very contour of the earth's surface is constantly changing. Scientists tell us that the Appalachian mountains on our Eastern border were once as rugged as the Rockies on our West, but through the processes of erosion they have been worn away until they are no longer rugged but rounded. Species of animals that once inhabited and roamed various parts of the earth are now extinct and known only in fossil remains.

Civilizations change. Two centuries ago Boston was farther from New York than San Francisco is today. Imagine the utter amazement of Benjamin Franklin if he could return and see the almost countless and interesting uses to which his electricity has been put, which he lured from the sky on his kite string on a stormy night; or Robert Fulton, the inventor of the steamboat, if he could take an ocean voyage on one of the great leviathans of the sea, veritable floating palaces or hotels, or if he could see a great super-dreadnaught as it glided out to sea.

Yes, even the map of the world has been constantly changing, with many nations awaiting the time when other borders can be shifted.

Change and decay in all around I see;

Thou Who changest not, abide with me.

There are three very good reasons why every one needs this never-changing Christ in this ever-changing world:

First, because of his yesterdays. Secondly, because of his ever-present today.

Thirdly, because of his rapidly-approaching forever.

### I. Yesterday

Many a person loathes his yesterdays. We can't blame him. He should be ashamed of them. He would gladly blot out forever all his follies and failures. Many have said:

"I wish there were some wonderful place called the land of beginning again,

Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches and all our poor, selfish grief

Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door, and never put on anymore."

Thank God! there is a place and there is a way that this can happen. The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is the remedy. Remember that yesterday's thoughts can never be recalled; yesterday's wrongs can never be righted by today's good deeds; that unkind words can never be un-said for

"Boys flying kites may sometimes hand in their white-winged birds,

But you can't do that when your're flying words;

Thoughts, unexpressed, may sometimes fall back dead,

But God Himself can't kill them—once they're said."

Even God cannot un-say our bitter, unkind words. He cannot un-do the evil deeds that have been committed. He cannot un-think the unclean, unbecoming thoughts; but He has a wonderful and divinely wrought-out way of dealing with our yesterdays. "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins" (Isaiah 44:22).

"Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:8). "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

Human beings are a lot of poor, miserable, undone, bankrupt sinners. Their sins are God-insulting, God-defying, soul-defiling, and soul-damning. They have nothing with which to pay, but God says, "There is nothing to be paid; Jesus paid it all." "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus (literally, Jesus as Lord), and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be

saved; for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9-10).

"Thy works, not mine, O Christ,  
Speaks gladness to my heart!

It tells me all is done—  
It bids all fear depart!  
I rest in Thee, whose work alone  
Doth gloriously for sin atone.

"Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ,  
Can heal the bruised soul!  
Thy stripes, not mine, contain  
The balm that makes me whole!

I rest in Thee, whose work alone,  
Doth gloriously for sin atone.

"Thy Cross, not mine, O Christ,  
Has borne the awful load  
Of sins that none could bear  
But the Incarnate God!  
I rest in Thee, whose work alone  
Doth gloriously for sin atone.

"Thy death, not mine, O Christ,  
Has paid the ransom due!

Ten thousand deaths like mine  
Would all have been too few.  
I rest in Thee, whose work alone,  
Doth gloriously for sin atone.

### II. Today

The Lord Jesus Christ not only saves us from past sins but keeps us day by day, and satisfies the deepest longings of the human heart.

He does not blot out our past sins and then forsake us to our present temptations; He not only saved us from the penalty of sin at Calvary, but He saves us from the power of sin in Akron, Chicago, your city or countryside and everywhere, for "sin shall not have dominion over you, for ye are not under the law, but under grace" (Romans 6:14); He not only removes the burden from us but releases us from the bondage; whom He regenerates, He renews; and whom He converts, He consecrates; the one whom He keeps has not only peace with God, but should also have the peace of God.

A missionary came among the Kiowa Indians in Oklahoma, and through an interpreter preached to them on "I will give you rest." There was an Indian woman whose heart was strangely stirred as she heard. The word "rest" kept ringing in her ears and sounding in her heart, and, at the close of the service she came up to the missionary, and said, (Continued on Page 4)

## Restitution and Reconciliation

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Jesus Christ. You have spit in His face and driven away the Holy Spirit's pleading with you. You don't hear Him when He calls you. Jesus Christ died for you and you don't love Him. You haven't repented, you haven't trusted Him. You have turned away the dearest Friend God ever gave, the One who keeps your heart beating, the One who puts every breath in your body, the One who upholds you life by that precious cord of His will, and yet you despise Him and refuse Him. You are under a curse. There would be no need for you to pray as long as you continue rejecting Jesus Christ.

Remember that "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord" (Prov. 15:8). And John 3:36 says, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." The wrath of God is on you now. You are under a curse because you have continued to reject Christ. The one you have wronged most is not the preacher, not your mother, not your wife. The greatest wrong you have done is not your stealing or lying against people, not your failure to pay your debts. The sin that shuts you out from God and from

Heaven itself is your rejection of Jesus Christ. You can never have peace, you can never have an open door to God. You can never have the answer to your prayers until you are willing to turn to Jesus Christ in genuine repentance and contrition to trust Him and take Him as your own Saviour. I hope you will do it today.

Then if you take Christ as your Saviour write and tell me, "Today, the best I know how, I repent of my sins. I trust Christ to forgive my sins and save my soul." Do it honestly and sign your name and mail the letter to me and I will send you a letter of counsel and encouragement.

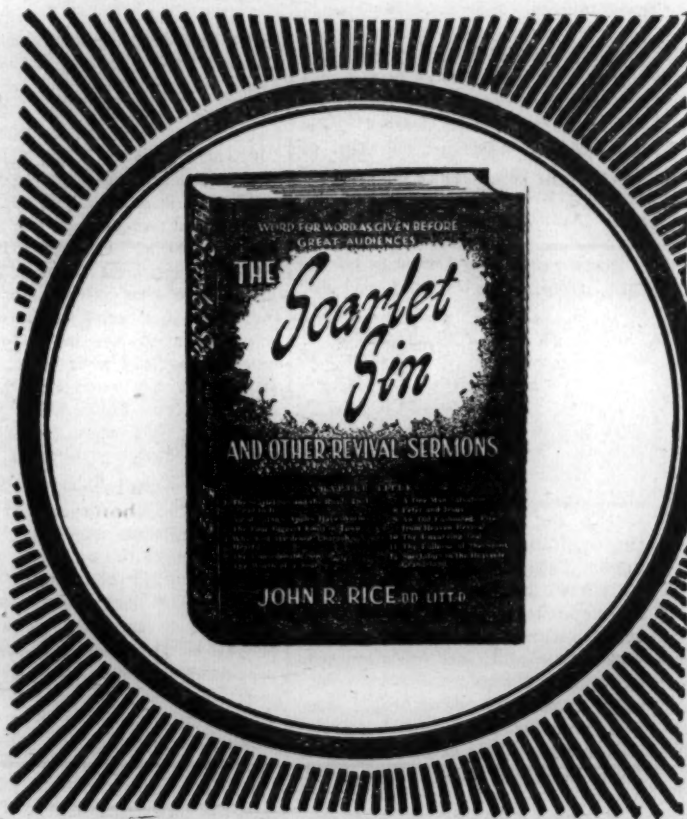
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## The Miracle of Calvary

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the strangest thing that Jesus Christ ever did was when He hung in the darkness that clustered about Golgotha and said to a dying man, "To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Now you talk to me about miracles, if Jesus did what He said He did—and I do not say if with any question in my mind—if Jesus Christ at Calvary could take this man who was fit for Hell and in a moment of time make him a fit subject for Heaven, Jesus Christ could perform any miracle recorded in the New Testament. Talk about miracles! The most marvelous miracle of which I can conceive is the miracle of regenerating grace in a human heart, the miracle of Jesus Christ's taking a poor, miserable, Hell-bound sinner and in a second of time fixing him up so he is fit to walk streets of gold under a cloudless sky and keep company with God and the angels in Heaven forever! That is more wonderful than raising the dead. I read in the Bible about Jesus going to a home where there was a dead girl. He said, "She is not dead but asleep." He touched her

and brought her to life. I say, "That is wonderful!" But it is not so wonderful as this. I read about that funeral procession going down the street—and Jesus always sees funeral processions. There is not any sorrow He does not feel. No tear of sorrow ever flows down a human cheek that He does not feel on His own. He sees all the funeral processions, all the pinched and hungry faces of little children, and all the sobbing hearts of men and women everywhere. So the funeral procession moved along. Jesus went up and touched the bier, and there sprang from that bier the comfort of a mother's heart. Oh, how wonderful that was! But here He is at Calvary with nails in His hands and a spike through His feet. He is hanging there in seeming helplessness and yet as He hangs He turns and says to a man who is not fit to live on earth, "Never mind, you are good enough to go to paradise with me." That is a miracle. That is more wonderful than bringing a widow's son back from the bier.

I read about His going to the tomb of Lazarus. Lazarus had been dead four days. Decompos-

ition had already set in. The sisters shrank from the decomposed body in the open sepulcher. He said, "Lazarus, come forth." And there walked from that grave the brother of Mary and Martha. I say, "Wonderful miracle!" It was, but oh, men and women, He is doing something at Calvary more wonderful than that. Here is a man who for years has been dead in trespasses and sin, a man helplessly enslaved, a man who can do nothing for himself, a man whose only claim on Jesus is the claim of his sins; and Jesus is bearing that in His own body. And He faces that poor, lost, sinful, dead, hopeless, helpless man and says, "You are good enough to live with Me in paradise." That is more wonderful than raising Lazarus from the dead.

Listen! Some things that have happened in this building the last few days are as wonderful as any miracle recorded in the New Testament. I remember the other night a man walked up to the front and said to me, "About thirty years ago in Mansfield, Ohio, I found God. I found Jesus Christ. I was a poor sinner. I have been in China for twenty years as a missionary." He was a man who had never dreamed of being a missionary, and yet God saved him and so made him over that he said, "It is China for me."

A night or two later another man walked up to me and said, "Twenty-five years ago in Grand Rapids one night after church you led me to Jesus Christ. You got down and prayed for me and I was saved. I got on the train and came to Chicago and begged them to take me into Moody Bible Institute. They did. And now for over twenty years I have been in Manila, over in the Philippine Islands all these years. For three long years I was in a Japanese prison." Say, who could do that for men except Jesus? Who but Jesus! Who but the Son of God could do that for people? What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus! Oh, the miracles He performs!

Some years ago I was in Cleveland, Ohio. One night I was sitting in my room just before church and a man knocked at the door. I went to the door and there was a handsome gentleman. He said, "I want to talk to you just a minute. My name is So-and-so. Years ago as a miserable, drunken bum I went down the street in Mansfield, Ohio. I saw a big sign out in front of the building which said, 'Bob Jones' Tabernacle,' and I dropped in there and sat down near a furnace. I got warm and dropped off to sleep. After a while I waked up and the building was crowded. I was in almost a stupor. I hardly knew where I was. But you were up there saying, 'Jesus can save you. You may have broken every commandment, but Jesus can save. You may be enslaved by sin and passion and habit, but Jesus can save you.'"

"I wondered if that were so. And I, the poor, miserable bum that I was, staggered down to the front and found Jesus. I went through World War No. 1 and became a chaplain. Now I am back here at home with a sales organization of several hundred men." And I think he said he had led three hundred of them to Jesus Christ. Say, who said that Jesus Christ has quit performing miracles?

Years ago in Grand Rapids Mel Trotter showed me all of those hypodermic needles which had been used by men enslaved by the dope habit until saved in the Mel Trotter mission, and told me the story of what God had done through that mission. Say, listen! Jesus Christ has not gone out of business. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever; and He is performing miracles around the world. He has performed miracles in some of our lives.

Some years ago in New York one Friday night they said to me, "Say, Dr. Jones, how about coming down to the mission on the Bowery, the Jerry McAuley mission? It is free-supper night and

there will be a lot of bums there. How about coming?"

I said, "All right; I'll do it." So I went down there. There were two or three hundred men in attendance. Up in the front were men of priestly bearing. Back in the rear were the bumiest of the bum and the slimiest of the slums and the toughest of the tough. We sang some songs and had prayer and read the Word. Then I made a talk, and had a testimony meeting. A man got up. I think he was the handsomest man I ever saw. As I remember it, this is what he said:

"Years ago I staggered into this building the most hopeless bum that ever came in here. There is not a man here tonight like me. I was in a worse fix than any of you, boys, I was reared out West and graduated from university with a degree in law. I married my boyhood sweetheart and we started out in life. My father gave me a check for \$100,000 and my share of the estate. My wife and I got into society and began to live a worldly life. I became dissipated and wretched. I spent all of my fortune and got rid of all I had. One day my wife had to go back home with our baby to get something to eat and some clothes. I took to the highway and travelled all over this country. Finally I came to New York. I was a helpless wreck and was in the hospital five times with delirium tremens. I could not quit drinking. I did not want to drink. I loved my wife and baby, but I was a slave, a hopeless slave. At last I went to a friend of mine—I knew a little something about law—and played crazy. They took me in the insane asylum for nine months. I came out at the end of nine months and laughed at them and said, 'I was not crazy; I came there to get away from drink. I'm a free man now, and I'm going to get my wife and baby back.' I came to New York City, and the first place I stopped was a saloon. I slept on whisky barrels for over a month, night after night, and swept out saloons for my drink. One day, helpless and hopeless and ruined, I staggered into this mission, knelt up there at the front, and God Almighty saved me in a flash. I have never had a drop of whisky from that day until this, and I'm here in New York doing well in business. My wife is with me, and my baby girl is a young lady. They are both Christians."

Say, who said Jesus Christ has quit the miracle business? "Oh," but you say, "Bob Jones, we are not that kind of people." Wait a minute. There are slaves in this house tonight. There are people in this building tonight—respectable people, supposedly decent, refined people—who are slaves to sin. You have said a thousand times, "I'll never do that again," and you did it again. And you said, "So help me, God, it's the last time I'll ever commit that sin," and you committed it within a week. Through the years it has been one promise after another made and broken, and you are held tonight in the chains of habit and sin. Respectable people! O God, be merciful to respectable sinners! You said, "Never again, never again," but it was over and over and over. Do you know what you need? You need a miracle in your life. You need somebody who can set you free. "Oh," but you say, "Bob Jones, you don't know me. I was born wrong." Oh, but bless God, you can be born right. God Almighty helps folk start over again. "Oh," but you say, "I've got the devils in me—demons!" Yes, but Jesus Christ is able to cast out those demons. He can set you free. That is what He did at the cross.

Now get the picture for just a moment. If there was ever a time when Jesus seemed helpless, it was on Calvary. There He hung on the cross. You know I have always wanted to be an artist. There is one picture I have always wanted to put on canvas. If I could paint the picture of the cross with Jesus hanging on it as I have seen it with the eyes of

my soul, I would get the heart of this world. I would paint a picture of the hands of Jesus. Did you ever stop to think about those hands—those hands that fondled the cheek of a mother; those hands that swept clouds out of human skies; those hands that touched blind, sightless eyes and made them see and deaf ears and made them hear; those hands that broke bread to feed the hungry? The last time the mortal eyes of men ever saw Jesus, His hands were stretched out in blessing. I would like to paint a picture of those hands—those hands that were torn by cruel nails for you and me.

Did you ever think about the feet of Jesus? Those feet that never made a selfish step; those feet that ever went on errands of mercy; those feet that were accustomed to royal carpets up in Heaven; those feet that were accustomed to the courts of the sky, came down to trod the dusty roads of earth. And those feet were torn by cruel nails for you and me.

Did you ever think about the heart of Jesus—that heart that was a stranger to selfishness and malice and strife; that heart that exclaimed those words of such matchless pathos, "And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life" (John 5:40). That heart broke one day for you and me. Say, do you love Jesus? I just do not see how anybody could keep from loving Him. You need not tell me that men are depraved. I need no other argument for total depravity than the argument that men in sin do not love Jesus: Listen, man, if you have a heart in your bosom, you will have to love Him. Woman, you listen to me! If there is a woman's soul in your body, you will have to love Jesus. The greatest moral monstrosity in the world is a woman who does not love Him. I just do not understand it. I wonder how anybody could keep from loving Him. Do not tell me that there is no Hell. Do not tell me that men are not sinners. If men were not sinners, all men would love Jesus. The one Person the whole world would love would be Jesus, if men were not sinners. Don't you love Him? If you do not love Him, you may know you are a sinner. I saw Him when I was a little child.

I saw One hanging on the tree  
In agony and blood,  
Who fixed His languid eye on me

As near the cross I stood.  
And I have loved Him since that day.  
He is dearer to me than the memory of my precious mother,  
dearer to me than wife and son.  
I do not see how anybody could  
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## The Eternal Christ

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"Sir, did you say that this Jesus about whom you were talking could give rest?" The missionary, encouraged in heart, said, "Yes, He can give rest." "Do you think He can give me rest?" And then the poor woman told of the sorrows of her life, how the messenger of death had come into her tepee and taken away first one child and then another, until she had been left desolate. She showed her hands, from which joints of her fingers had been chopped away as signs of mourning. As she told her tale she lifted up her mutilated hands, and with the tears streaming down her cheeks, she said: "Do you think He could give me rest?" The missionary told her the story of Jesus; and the old woman opened her heart to receive Him, and she knew the meaning of the word "rest."

A converted Chinaman once said: "I was down in a deep pit, half sunk in the mire, crying for some one to help me out. As I looked up I saw a venerable gray-haired man looking down at me. He said, 'My son, if you had read my books and followed what they taught, you would not be here.' I said, 'Yes, father, but can you not help me out?' As I looked he was gone."

"Soon I saw another form approaching, and another form bent over me. This time it was Buddha. He said, 'My son, just close your eyes and get into a state of rest. Don't think about anything that can disturb you; then my child, you will be in such delicious rest as I am.' 'Yes, father,' I answered, 'I will when I am above ground. Can you help me get out?' But Buddha, too, was gone."

But there is One who has gone to Calvary and there paid the debt of our sins in full and Who is alive from the dead; has ascended into heaven, and has promised to send the Holy Spirit as a comforter to everyone who will believe and be saved.

"And we have been walking together unto this day."

### III. Forever

Friend, have you ever thought about your forever? God not only thought about it but provided for it. He sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, into this world to die for us and the Holy Spirit to woo and win us. Just before Jesus left this earth He said, "In My Father's house are many mansions (abiding places); . . . I go to prepare a place for you; and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also"

(John 14:2-3).

"To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God; he that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death; to him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the new stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saveth he that receiveth it; he that overcometh will I give power over the nations, . . . and I will give him the morning star (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26, 29); he that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment, and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels; him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out, and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem; to him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcome, and am set down with my Father in His throne" (Revelation 3:5, 12, 21).

This reveals something of the forethought of God regarding your eternity and the preparation He has made for it.

What have you done regarding your forever? Every one is swiftly moving toward the inevitable moment when the curtain of life will drop on the earthly scenes. The scene will shift from the follies of time to the realities of eternity. When that crisis-moment comes, it may come with such suddenness that it will be too late to get right with God.

For the unsaved may these scriptures not fall on deaf ears: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31); "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the children of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12).

Let the saved ponder these precious scriptures: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God; . . . beloved, now are we the children of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is" (I John 3:1-2). "But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him" (I Corinthians 2:9).

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## The Miracle of Calvary

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keep from loving Him. Do you love Him? Oh, sinner, poor sinner, if you would just trust Him and let Him save you, you would fall in love with Him. What a wonderful Saviour!

### The Prayer of a Sinner

Now Jesus is on the cross there—get the picture—as this man prayed. Do you ever pray? Oh, I don't mean, "Do you say prayers?" There is too much prayer-saying and too little prayer-praying. We say prayers. But I am asking you tonight, Do you ever pray? You know, there is something of Calvary in prayer. There is something of blood and darkness and agony. There is a kind of soul-refreshing agony in prayer. There is something about prayer that gets mixed up with Calvary.

It is midnight, and the lights are out in most of the homes; but yonder across the street is a widow's cottage. The shades are drawn, but there are a few dim rays of light that get beyond the shade out into the street. I wonder what is there. There in that room, prostrate by the bed, with her face turned to Heaven, and with tears flowing down her cheeks, is that widowed mother. She is saying, "O God, I have a son somewhere. Oh, my poor boy, my lost boy, my boy out in sin! O God, my Father, please put about my boy Thine arms and bring him back." Say, that woman has some of Calvary in her prayer. Do you know what we need in this country? We need an old-time baptism of real crying unto God, agonizing prayer, prayer stained with Calvary's blood and baptized with Calvary's agony. This man prayed.

Now wait a minute—he prayed for himself. I do not want to shock you, but I want to say something which I want you to think through for just a minute. You know, I cannot find in the Bible anywhere that God ever told a sinner to pray to be saved. Now do not misunderstand me. I can find examples where sinners did pray and were saved, and I can find statements like, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). But nowhere in the Bible can I find that God ever told a sinner to pray to be saved. I can find where God tells a sinner to repent, tells a sinner to believe, tells a sinner to obey the gospel; but He does not tell sinners to pray to be saved. I got to wondering about it one day, and I think I understand it. You do not have to tell a sinner to pray to be saved. You cannot find in the Bible anywhere where God ever told a mother to love her baby. Doesn't God want mothers to love their babies? Why, certainly. Well, why doesn't He tell them to? He does not have to. You may not have wanted that little baby. You may have been selfish and wanted your own way and your own pleasure. But one day a little baby was laid in your arms. A little velvet hand got on your cheek, and a little baby's breath blew in your face. A little baby cried in your ear. God did not have to say, "Love that baby." Your mother heart began to hug it. Your mother heart said, "Yes, God. Yes, God."

And you know, if you could see Jesus dying for you, you would not have to be told to pray to be saved. If he sees Him on the cross, it is as natural for a sinner to cry out to Jesus as it is for mothers to love their babies. When I saw Him and knew He was dying for me, I could not help saying, "O Jesus, be merciful to me!" I thought about David when he wandered from God and came back and said, "Lord, restore unto me the joy of thy salvation" (Psa. 51:12). And I thought about the publican in the temple who was too humble to lift his guilty head but smote his breast and said, "God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13).

Just before day one morning

years ago a train pulled into the suburb of a little town in the south and suddenly stopped. There was a travelling man aboard the Pullman, all dressed and ready to get off the train. He wondered why the sudden stop. After a while he went out on the platform and saw the door open. He stepped off on the ground and looked down the track. There was the conductor, the flagman, the fireman, the engineer, and the porters all gathered around. He went down there and said, "What's the matter?"

They said, "We've just run over this poor fellow. He was crossing the tracks, and the train cut off his limbs. We tied up the stubs the best we could, and maybe we can save him; but he looks awfully bad."

The conductor said, "Get a crew. I'll run over here and wake up this man and call for the ambulance. I'll be back in just a minute." He came back quickly and said, "The ambulance is coming."

The traveling man said to the porter, "Get my baggage off the train quickly." Then he said, "Captain, you can pull your train on in. My hotel is right near the hospital, and I'll get in and ride with this poor fellow."

By this time the train pulled out, and the ambulance came. They picked up the legless man and put him in the ambulance. They put his lower limbs in, too. And this traveling man, this stranger friend, climbed up with him; and they rode rapidly down the street. The moon was still shining in the sky, pouring pale light through the window into the pale face of the wounded, bleeding, weak man. The stars were still shining. Just about that time, before they reached the hospital, the man looked over and said, "My friend, will you pray for me?"

The man said, "I'm sorry pal. I'm awfully sorry, pal; but I don't know how to pray. I never have prayed in my life."

Then the wounded man said, "Say, pal, could you tell me a prayer I could pray? I want to pray, and I don't know how to pray."

"Well," he said, "I heard a prayer like this. I don't know whether it is any good or not. You might try it. 'God, be merciful to me a sinner.' You might just pray that prayer."

The wounded man said, "God, be merciful to me a sinner."

And the man said, "You know, I notice when I go to church the preacher always closes his prayer with the statement, 'For Jesus' sake. Amen.' You might try that. You might say, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner, for Jesus' sake. Amen.' I don't know why they do it that way, but that's the way the preacher, I notice, always closes his prayer."

The poor, weak man said, "God, be merciful to me a sinner, for Jesus' sake. Amen." Then he said, "That's a good prayer. I don't understand it, but it is not dark now. Something has happened. The load is all lifted. I have peace in my heart. I do not understand it, but say, why don't you pray that prayer? It is a good prayer. You might try it."

It is a wonderful prayer. It does something for you." By the time they got to the hospital and took him upstairs and put him in the bed, he was dead.

Seeing such a change come over this dying man, and knowing something had happened beyond human understanding, this traveling man looked toward the eastern sky just as the morning was standing tiptoe on the horizon, turned his face up to the sky above him and said, "God, be merciful to me a sinner, for Jesus' sake. Amen." And he has been a Christian ever since.

O sinner, if you are here tonight, I want to tell you a wonderful story. Jesus Christ died on Calvary's cross so God could be merciful to all sinners, and there is mercy for you and salvation for you like there was mercy and salvation for this man.

### The Tragedy of Sin

Let's turn the picture around quickly for a moment. I want to show you something that I did not see for years and that I would like for you to see tonight. At the beginning of the crucifixion, both of these thieves nailed on Christ. We get that from the Gospels. We do not get it here but from another gospel at least. Both of them nailed on Jesus. Now get the picture. Here are three crosses. Here is a cross in the center, and there is a Person hanging on that cross. He is always in the center. He is always the center—Jesus Christ is never anywhere else. And the mob is out there—the cursing, mocking, hissing mob. They are all talking to this One. And these two thieves at the beginning of the crucifixion, both of them, join with the mob in mocking Jesus. They say to Him, 'Yeah, You're the Son of God. Why don't You come down from the cross? You are the Son of God! Why don't You save Yourself and us, too?' Say, there is the worst picture of human depravity in all literature. Let us suppose that to begin with both of them thought Jesus Christ was a criminal like themselves. Let us suppose that they thought He was just a man like they were and that He deserved to die like they did. Let us suppose that. Wouldn't you have thought that they would have said a kind word to Him? It seems to me that they would have turned and said, "Never mind. Never mind what they say to you. Never mind, pal. Yes, you cowardly, cursing, mocking mob, it is easy enough to get somebody on the cross and make fun of him. But never mind, pal; don't pay any attention to them. We will take it like men. Never mind what they say to you." But they did not. They joined with a mocking, cursing, hissing mob and hurled into the teeth of their companion in death the mockery of the mob who nailed Him to a cross. That is human depravity. Listen! That shows you what people will do when they begin to play with sin. That shows you the degrading, damning, blighting power of sin in a human life. O

God, pity people who play with sin!

I remember one time years ago in Montgomery, Alabama, I walked down the street and met a man who had a sad face. He said, "Dr. Bob, isn't the governor of this state a friend of yours?"

I said, "Yes, sir, he's on the board of trustees at our college and my personal friend."

He said, "Will you do me a favor? My boy under twenty years of age is out at Kilby Prison and is to be electrocuted just after midnight. You have heard about it and read it in the papers. You are a father. Won't you go to the capital and ask Governor Graves to commute that sentence to life imprisonment?"

I said, "My friend, I would like to do that for you, but I would not presume to ask the governor to do that. Governor Graves is a lawyer; he is judicial, he has weighed all the evidence; he knows all the facts. You have asked him to set aside the verdict of the court and the verdict of the jurors, and if he has any way he can do it honorably, he will. I would never be presumptuous enough to ask that of my friend. I would not dare to do it because he is in a judicial position. I would not dare do it. I am awfully sorry. I would like to do it for you, but I cannot."

Then he looked at me and said, "Will you do me a favor?"

And I said, "I would do any-

thing I could for you."

He said, "Will you go out to the prison and talk to my boy? The chaplain has talked to him, and my pastor has talked to him, but he will not even pray. I cannot let him die without praying."

I said, "Well, I wish I could do it, but I have a speaking engagement, and it will take all of my time to get there. I wish I could, but I just can't. But I know the chaplain well, and he is a wonderful man. He knows more about how to do that than anybody else I know, and if he can't, there is nothing I could do. But I will pray for him."

He said, "All right."

So we got in the car and drove on down to my speaking engagement that night. After the service we started back to the city, and I said to Mrs. Jones and the friends in the car, "I am going out to Kilby Prison and see that boy."

Mrs. Jones said, "I wouldn't go. When you go with those boys to the chair, you die with them, and you have all you can live up under. The strain is more than you can stand. I wouldn't go."

"But," I said, "I have a boy; I'm

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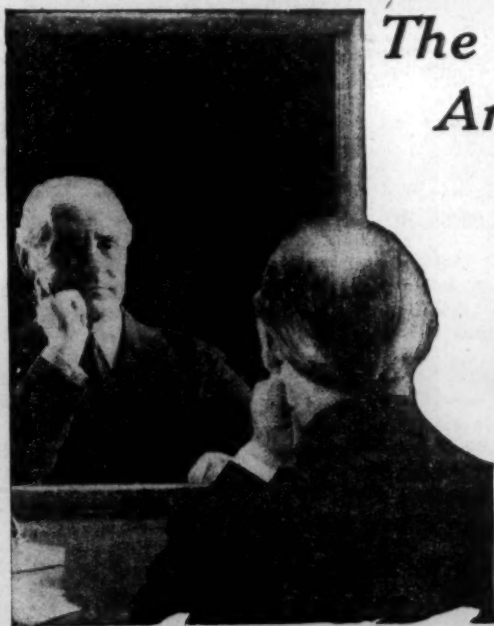
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## The Miracle of Calvary

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going. I would never feel right if I didn't go."

We got out there and parked our car just before midnight. Just as I was parking my car the death wagon drove up. Oh, it was a morbid sort of thing! There was the boy, only twenty years of age, and the death wagon out there waiting. I went in the prison. I knew the warden. He said, "That is all right, Dr. Bob; go right ahead." I went down the corridor and on down to death row, and up to the cell where the boy was. His hair was all shaved. Nobody was near him. The chaplain was standing over to one side crying.

I walked up to the cell door and said, "My name is Bob Jones. I saw your father and he asked me to come and talk to you."

He said, "I wish you preachers would let me alone. I asked the chaplain to go away and not hound me. I am going to die like a man. I am not going to be a baby and ask God to do anything for me. Do not ask me to pray. I am going to walk to that chair and sit down and die like a man. I'm not going to be a coward and a baby and a weakling—not me."

I stood there and tried to talk to him, and he almost pushed me from the cell door. I went over to the chaplain, and the chaplain said to me under his breath, "He is the only criminal in this prison that I have ever felt as I do about. I think he ought to die."

Listen! He wasn't brave. He wasn't a hero. That is not courage. That is not manhood. That is not backbone. That is not fortitude. That is rotten, hellish depravity. That shows you what sin can do for a man before he is twenty years old.

Oh, we wonder about the atrocious crimes being committed. You wonder about the young people of today and say, "Oh, how can they do what they do?" They can do it because sin has right of way. And you do not know where you are going when you go to playing with sin.

I was in a campaign in Texas years ago. One night during that campaign I walked down the street with a prominent Christian layman. He said to me, "Say, Dr. Jones, have you read in the paper about Rev. \_\_\_\_\_, that preacher in Boston who is charged with the murder of that woman?"

I said, "Yes, I read about it."

He said, "What do you think about it?"

I said, "Well, I can't tell much about it because we just do not know the truth about it from reading the papers."

He said, "Well, I know."

I said, "You know what?"

He said, "He is innocent. If they put that man in the chair they are going to railroad an innocent man. He used to be my pastor. I have heard him preach many a time. He was not a murderer; that man was not that kind. I do not think he was a strong character. I always thought he had some weaknesses, but he could not kill anybody. He was the most harmless character I ever knew. And they are just railroad him to the chair. I believe they are going to put him there. And if they do, they are going to put an innocent man there as sure as the world."

The next morning I bought a paper in the hotel lobby and read in big headlines across the front page where, "Rev. \_\_\_\_\_ killed that woman."

I went across the lobby and said, "Did you read this?"

He answered, "Oh, yes; I read it." Then he said, "O my Lord, how could he do it? How could he do it? I have sat under his preaching. I was a deacon in his church. I heard him many times. He has been to my home. He has had family prayer with me. How could he do it! How could he do it! I do not understand." After a little he said, "I couldn't do that, could you, Bob Jones? Could you kill a woman like that?"

I said, "You do not know what you could do."

He asked, "What do you mean?"

I said, "Two years ago this

morning Rev. \_\_\_\_\_ perhaps would have thrown up his hands in horror as you are doing. But he began to play with sin. He won the heart of a girl. He wormed his way into her soul. He plucked from her brow the diadem of her purity. He plucked the roses of decency and modesty from her cheeks and threw them away. He sacrificed her on the altar of his lust. And after he did that he became so hardened that he then stained his hands with the lifeblood of the woman he ruined. No man knows where he will go when he begins to play with sin. I am afraid of sin! All my life I have been afraid of sin. That is the only thing I am afraid of. I think I can say what few men have ever said. Maybe I am a fool but I have never had much sense of physical fear. I do not know much about it. But I have always been afraid of sin. God saved me when I was eleven years old. I am now sixty-two. He has kept me from tragedy and disgrace. I am afraid of sin. I have always been afraid of sin. I never hear of some preacher falling that I do not say, "O God, help me." I never hear of a Christian worker dishonoring the name of Jesus that I do not say, "O God, let me die, let me die before anything happens to me." Oh, you young people and you Christian workers, listen to me! The shores of time are strewn with the wrecks of Christian workers who played with sin. Watch your step! WATCH YOUR STEP! Take care! Beware! Do not play with sin! If you want people to think you are brave, let me tell you what to do. Go out in the mountains of the West, find a nest of rattlesnakes and take them up in your arms and play with them. Take them to bed with you. If you want people to think you are brave, go down to the power house and play with a few thousand volts of electricity. If you want people to think you are a hero, climb up into the clouds, get into the dark pavilion of a storm and play with forked lightning. But do not act the fool; do not play with sin!

### The Grace of God

But wait a minute! Sin never took a man so low but that the arm of God's grace could reach a little lower. As low as sin dragged this thief, the arm of God's grace reached down and picked him up. Men may have said, "You are not good enough to live with us. We are going to put you on the cross and end you."

Jesus said, "I'll fix you so you will be good enough to live with me." One morning he was drinking the vinegar and the gall and before evening came he drank from the fountain that flowed from the throne.

Years ago in one of our American cities a son of one of the most princely leaders died. He went from bad to worse, and from worse to still worse. And one night, coatless and hatless and shoeless he staggered into a mission where he had heard a bum, a hungry bum, could get a sandwich and a cup of coffee. He took his seat in the back of the building with the bums. The leader of the service said, "Boys, is there anybody here who can play the piano? Our pianist did not come tonight. Can any of you fellows play for me?"

Everything was still for a minute and then the coatless, hatless, shoeless, bleary-eyed, bloated-faced bum got up and came staggering and trembling down the aisle. He said, "Mister, when I was a boy I took some piano lessons. I haven't played for years. You notice I'm in an awful bad fix. My nerves are shot to pieces. I do not know whether I can do it or not. But if you can't get anybody else and are willing to try me, I will see what I can do for you."

The leader said, "Sit down there." Then he opened the book to a song about the blood and he talked about the blood of Christ a little while. He told how Jesus died on the cross, how He shed His blood to wash away sin, how He could save anybody. Then he read a verse of the song and looked

around at the pianist. He was sitting there trembling, stooped under the weight of his dissipation and sin, and he said, "All right, you may start now."

The man looked at his book a minute. He was a little hesitant. Then he straightened up the best he could and started to play. The old skill came back and before he played the first stanza through he had played himself into the arms of God. That is just like Jesus!

There is a fountain filled with blood

Drawn from Immanuel's veins;

And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,

Lose all their guilty stains;

Lose all their guilty stains;

And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,

Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see

That fountain in his day;

And there may I, though vile as he,

Wash all my sins away;

Wash all my sins away,

And there may I, though vile as he,

Wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood

Shall never lose its pow'r,

Till all the ransomed Church of God

Be saved, to sin no more;

Be saved, to sin no more;

Till all the ransomed Church of God

Be saved, to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream

Thy flowing wounds supply,

Redeeming love has been my theme,

And shall be till I die;

And shall be till I die;

Redeeming love has been my theme,

And shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song,

I'll sing Thy Pow'r to save,

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue

Lies silent in the grave;

Lies silent in the grave;

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue

Lies silent in the grave.

Sinner, if you are here tonight and are able to run, run to Jesus. But if you are too weak and sick to run, walk up to Calvary. If you are too weak, just stand up and look in that direction. If you are so far gone that you cannot stand up, just turn your face that way. If you are too weak for that, just open your eyes and look, for there is life for a look at the crucified One. But if you are so far gone and so weak and so sick that you cannot open your eyes, then when your heart beats, let the grace of God slip in. You may have come in here tonight a hopeless lost man or woman; but you can walk out of that door tonight good enough to live in Heaven forever. What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus!

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Praise God, we have heard of a number of souls saved already through this moving picture sermon, "The Dying Thief!" Copies of the film are being shown all over America, in England, in Germany, and other countries.

The chaplain, Eugene Q. McGee mentioned, was pastor in Brooklyn, New York, where I held tent revival services before the war.

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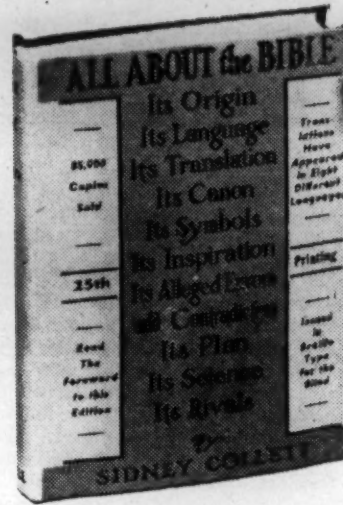
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